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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 1994 08:10:49 MDT
From: agate!library.ucla.edu!news.mic.ucla.edu!unixg.ubc.ca!
quartz.ucs.ualberta.ca!alberta!ve6mgs!usenet@ames.arpa
Subject: ARLB065 FCC plans to reorganize
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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ARLB065 FCC plans to reorganize

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QST de W1AW

ARRL Bulletin 65 ARLB065
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT August 3, 1994
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB065
ARLB065 FCC plans to reorganize

The FCC has proposed to reorganize several of its bureaus and offices. A new Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is to have as a co-deputy chief Ralph Haller, who currently is chief of the Private Radio Bureau and is well known to amateurs.

Richard M. Smith, now head of the Field Operations Bureau, is to be chief of a new Office of Engineering and Technology.

Beverly Baker, who is now deputy chief of the Private Radio Bureau, is to become chief of the Field Operations Bureau.

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said, in announcing the proposed reorganization, that wireless and international were the areas calling for the ''biggest changes.'' He said that personal communications systems and other emerging technologies made a Wireless Bureau necessary.

Hundt said that an International Bureau ''will better meet the challenges ahead as the FCC continues its role in international telecommunications, working with the Department of State and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in the promotion of the Global Information Infrastructure.''

Scott Blake Harris is to be chief of the new International Bureau. He currently is the chief of the Office of International Communications.

The reorganization will become effective when formal Commission and Congressional approval has been obtained, as well as approval of the labor union representing FCC employees.

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Date: Wed, 3 Aug 1994 22:34:53 MDT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!eff!news.duke.edu!godot.cc.duq.edu!
nntp.club.cc.cmu.edu!news.mic.ucla.edu!unixg.ubc.ca!quartz.ucs.ualberta.ca!
alberta!@@ihnp4.ucsd.edu
Subject: Daily Summary of Solar Geophysical Activity for 03 August

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

DAILY SUMMARY OF SOLAR GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY

03 AUGUST, 1994

(Based In-Part On SESC Observational Data)

SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY INDICES FOR 03 AUGUST, 1994

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!!BEGIN!! (1.0) S.T.D. Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for DAY 215, 08/03/94
10.7 FLUX=076      90-AVG=079      SSN=019      BKI=2212 3112  BAI=006
BGND-XRAY=A2.7      FLU1=1.3E+06  FLU10=1.3E+04  PKI=2101 1123  PAI=006
    BOU-DEV=016,013,006,013,036,005,006,015  DEV-AVG=013 NT      SWF=00:000
    XRAY-MAX= A5.9   @ 0104UT      XRAY-MIN= A2.1   @ 2213UT      XRAY-AVG= A3.3
NEUTN-MAX= +002%   @ 2120UT      NEUTN-MIN= -002%   @ 0555UT      NEUTN-AVG= +0.3%
    PCA-MAX= +0.1DB @ 1820UT      PCA-MIN= -0.2DB @ 2125UT      PCA-AVG= -0.0DB
BOUTF-MAX=55247NT @ 1334UT      BOUTF-MIN=55207NT @ 2056UT      BOUTF-AVG=55231NT
GOES7-MAX=P:+000NT@ 0000UT      GOES7-MIN=N:+000NT@ 0000UT      G7-AVG=+086,+000,+000
GOES6-MAX=P:+131NT@ 1945UT      GOES6-MIN=N:-028NT@ 2347UT      G6-AVG=+115,+033,-012
    FLUXFCST=STD:075,075,075;SESC:075,075,075  BAI/PAI-FCST=010,010,010/007,007,010
    KFCST=2222 2222 2222 2222  27DAY-AP=016,007  27DAY-KP=3433 4333 2211 3222
WARNINGS=
ALERTS=
!!END-DATA!!

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NOTE: The Effective Sunspot Number for 02 AUG 94 was 25.5.
 The Full Kp Indices for 02 AUG 94 are: 2o 1- 1o 1+ 1- 2- 2- 2-
 The 3-Hr Ap Indices for 02 AUG 94 are: 9 3 4 5 3 6 6 7
 Greater than 2 MeV Electron Fluence for 03 AUG is: 4.9E+07

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIVITY

Solar activity was at very low levels.

Solar activity forecast: solar activity is expected to be at very low levels.

The geomagnetic field has been at mostly quiet levels for the past 24 hours.

Geophysical activity forecast: the geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet levels.

Event probabilities 04 aug-06 aug

Class M	01/01/01
Class X	01/01/01
Proton	01/01/01
PCAF	Green

Geomagnetic activity probabilities 04 aug-06 aug

A. Middle Latitudes	
Active	05/05/10
Minor Storm	05/05/05
Major-Severe Storm	01/01/01
B. High Latitudes	
Active	10/10/15
Minor Storm	05/05/10
Major-Severe Storm	01/01/01

HF propagation conditions were normal over all regions. It looks like no changes will be observed over the next 3 days, through 06 August inclusive. Near-normal propagation conditions should persist.

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REGIONS WITH SUNSPOTS. LOCATIONS VALID AT 03/2400Z AUGUST

NMBR	LOCATION	LO	AREA	Z	LL	NN	MAG	TYPE
7762	N06E60	108	0160	DSO	08	009	BETA	
7759	N03W43	211					PLAGE	
7761	S05W29	197					PLAGE	

REGIONS DUE TO RETURN 04 AUGUST TO 06 AUGUST

NMBR	LAT	LO
NONE		

LISTING OF SOLAR ENERGETIC EVENTS FOR 03 AUGUST, 1994

BEGIN	MAX	END	RGN	LOC	XRAY	OP	245MHZ	10CM	SWEEP
NONE									

POSSIBLE CORONAL MASS EJECTION EVENTS FOR 03 AUGUST, 1994

 BEGIN MAX END LOCATION TYPE SIZE DUR II IV
 NO EVENTS OBSERVED

INFERRED CORONAL HOLES. LOCATIONS VALID AT 03/2400Z

 ISOLATED HOLES AND POLAR EXTENSIONS
 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH CAR TYPE POL AREA OBSN
 NO DATA AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS

SUMMARY OF FLARE EVENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS UTC DAY

 Date Begin Max End Xray Op Region Locn 2695 MHz 8800 MHz 15.4 GHz

 02 Aug: 0254 0258 0300 B1.2
 0356 0359 0404 B1.3
 0438 0438 0442 SF 7762 N02E80
 0721 0724 A0730 SF 7762 N07E80
 1537 1539 1543 SF 7762 N06E76

REGION FLARE STATISTICS FOR THE PREVIOUS UTC DAY

 C M X S 1 2 3 4 Total (%)
 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
 Region 7762: 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 003 (60.0)
 Uncorrelated: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 002 (40.0)

Total Events: 005 optical and x-ray.

EVENTS WITH SWEEPS AND/OR OPTICAL PHENOMENA FOR THE LAST UTC DAY

 Date Begin Max End Xray Op Region Locn Sweeps/Optical Observations

 NO EVENTS OBSERVED.

NOTES:

All times are in Universal Time (UT). Characters preceding begin, max, and end times are defined as: B = Before, U = Uncertain, A = After. All times associated with x-ray flares (ex. flares which produce

associated x-ray bursts) refer to the begin, max, and end times of the x-rays. Flares which are not associated with x-ray signatures use the optical observations to determine the begin, max, and end times.

Acronyms used to identify sweeps and optical phenomena include:

II	= Type II Sweep Frequency Event
III	= Type III Sweep
IV	= Type IV Sweep
V	= Type V Sweep
Continuum	= Continuum Radio Event
Loop	= Loop Prominence System,
Spray	= Limb Spray,
Surge	= Bright Limb Surge,
EPL	= Eruptive Prominence on the Limb.

** End of Daily Report **

Date: 3 Aug 1994 12:51:49 -0400
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!
chaos.dac.neu.edu!not-for-mail@ames.arpa
Subject: FTP Sites
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <31hitl\$hth@on-ramp.ior.com>,
Robert J. Raymond <bobr@on-ramp.ior.com> wrote:
>Can someone give me assistance in locating a list of FTP sites where I
>can download amateur radio related files? I have looked through the yellow
>pages and other sources and don't find too many. Thanks.

For just about everything you need: oak.oakland.edu:/pub/hamradio

For packet (AX.25 and TCP/IP): ftp.ucsd.edu:/hamradio

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> +-----+-----+-----+
> | Robert J. Raymond | Spokane, Washington | bobr@on-ramp.ior.com |
> | Patricia Raymond | Amateur Callsign KG7WC | 70235.430@compuserv.com |
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Scott Ehrlich, Amateur Radio Callsign: wy1z wy1z@ka2jxi.ny [AX.25 Packet]
How to reach me: wy1z@neu.edu [Internet], wy1z@k2cc.ampr.org [TCP/IP Packet]

Boston ARC ftp archives: ftp oak.oakland.edu /pub/hamradio
Boston ARC Web page: http://www.acs.oakland.edu/barc.html

Date: Thu, 04 Aug 94 16:43:04 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcomsv!skyld!jangus@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Ham Software Pirates?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <Ctwy08.5yF@csn.org> lwjames@csn.org writes:

> In August '94 QST, Brian Beezley, K6STI, is quoted as saying "Many
> software developers have no defense against the widespread software
> piracy that occurs in the Amateur Radio market."
>
> Without implicating any specific person, is this valid? Are hams really
> any worse than the rest of the population?

As I was told on a job interview once, "Oh, a ham ticket eh? Do you look at it as a license to steal?"

Apparently a lot (not all, but enough to be noticable) of hams seem to think that anything that will fit in their pockets (or pickups) is a perq of the job they are employed at. We've all (mostly I would assume) been guilty of this to some extent. Whether grabbing a few resistors to finish a project or stealing "company time" to read QST. The real abusers are the ones that order 100 of every resistor value to stock up their "lab" at home. Most companies (aerospace) that I've worked for figured a certain amount of slack time and expendable inventory in keeping the troops amused and productive.

The same holds true for software. Some people (hams included) seem to feel that anything that will fit on a disk is a perq as well. I've actually seen people copy hardware specific test routines "just because".

Where do you draw the line between a "little theft" and a "big one"? Is making a copy of AutoCAD and taking it home to do personal work and get better at it for your tasks at work wrong? According to AutoDesk it is. Making a copy of AutoCAD and then selling your services to the others is not even debatable. However, people that do things like this will talk (or in this case post) until they are blue in the face to "justify" their actions.

I would think that we are all thieves to some extent. (Well except for Jeff Herman, who is perfect, just ask him.) It's just a matter of what we will justify as acceptable behaviour.

73 es GM from Jeff

Amateur: WA6FWI@WA6FWI.#SOCA.CA.USA.NOAM	"You have a flair for adding
Internet: jangus@skyld.grendel.com	a fanciful dimension to any
US Mail: PO Box 4425 Carson, CA 90749	story."
Phone: 1 (310) 324-6080	Peking Noodle Co.

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Date: 4 Aug 1994 13:08:04 -0500
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!cs.utexas.edu!news.unt.edu!
hermes.oc.com!convex!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Houston-Dallas
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

25383-anaya (papo@briscas.gamekeeper.bellcore.com) wrote:
: Greetings:

: I was talking to a guy that did not want to become a HAM because
: he fears that he can not talk to his brother in Dallas while he lives
: in Houston. He told me that it is to close for a skip and to close for
: line of sight and no repeaters around. Because I'm not from Texas,
: I have no clue what I can recommend to that poor guy.

: Is there some kind Texan soul that can give me some ideas on how this
: can be done?

: BTW, I'll be around the Austin area by the end of this year, how's the 2meter
: activity around town??

Assuming 2 meters, it is virtually imposible to talk direct between Houston and
Dallas. If however, you use packet, there is almost always a link between
them. Now if you can operate on HF, then 40 meters is good in the daytime to
early evening, and 80 meters will work at night.

73
Mike Cowart
WA5CMI

Convex Computer Corp.
Richardson, Texas

Date: Thu, 04 Aug 94 16:46:19 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcomsv!skyld!jangus@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: IC-4AT Manual
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <Pine.3.05.9408012022.A3291-81000000@booz.bah.com> k1zat@bah.COM writes:

>
> I'm in dire need of a manual with schematics for an ICOM
> IC-4AT 440Mhz handheld. Will cover repro and mailing costs.
> Anyone help ?
>

They are available from Icom America in Washington.

Since Kinko's Copies got hit with a \$14 Million lawsuit, most of the copy shops are being a bit more careful about copyright infringement.

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Date: 1 Aug 1994 16:48:12 GMT
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!charnel.ecst.csuchico.edu!olivea!
koriel!newsworthy.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!bigboy!myers@ames.arpa
Subject: Lightbulb's as antennas?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <mwhite-290794112540@m14494-mac.mitre.org> mwhite@mitre.org (Michael White) writes:

>Troy Shahoumian KC6SCZ wrote:

>
>> I thought I heard someone say that a recent Newsline featured a HF
>> contact made by Gorden West using a lightbulb as an antenna. Does
>> anyone have some information on this? Or was I hearing things
>> (again!)?
>

>A light bulb can be used as a (very poor) dummy load; this was common
>practice back in the days of vacuum tube transmitters. As a dummy load,

>it's pretty leak-ey, so it's not surprising that you could work another
>station under good conditions. For that matter, I've heard european
>stations on my dummy load.

I was chatting on 10m with my friend Kent back in 1979. A few miles
apart, he was using a light bulb (his dummy load) as an antenna.
We were both located in Pleasant Hill, about 30miles from San
Francisco. A station from Kentucky broke in, and gave us both
excellent signal reports.

Yup, light bulbs are pretty leaky :-)

Dana

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* Dana H. Myers KK6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are
*
* (310) 348-6043 | mine and do not necessarily *
* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | reflect those of my employer
*
* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 1994 12:30:46 -0400
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!newsserver.jvnc.net!rohvm1!
roh033.mah48d@ames.arpa
Subject: N Connector on 9913-What about Foil?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <31nue1\$1n1o@st6000.sct.edu>, jotterso@sct.edu (Jeffrey
Otterson) wrote, in part:

> Tell your friend to be aware that you need a special N connector for
> 9913, it has a larger hole in the center pin to accept the larger center
> conductor...

I've put PL-259's on the end of 9913 a couple of times, and I just ground
down the center conductor to fit the center-pin hole. Not sure if my
friend used the special 9913 N connector, or something similar to this.

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John Taylor (W3ZID) | "The opinions expressed are those of the
roh033.mah48d@rohmmaas.com | writer and not of Rohm and Haas Company."

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 1994 16:07:00 GMT
From: lll-winken.llnl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!
cs.utk.edu!martha.utcc.utk.edu!utkvx.utk.edu!werner@ames.arpa
Subject: Question from a NOVICE
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <17210026@hpwrce.mayfield.hp.com>, lou@hpwrce.mayfield.hp.com (Lou Duncan) writes...

>Howdy,
>I've had a Novice license since the mid 80's and have recently started to
>think about getting a Technician Class License.
>
>I notice that there is now a NO-CODE Tech. License....is there an advantage
>to me having passed the 5 wpm test?
>
>I always thought the code test kept HAM from becoming like CB (I've
>really been out of touch so if this is a sore issue, please give me some slack)
>
>Obviously, I have no room to make any comments...all I want know is there a
>separate license for Technician with code?
>
>Thanks in Advance
>
>Lou KA6UYK
The answer to your question in a nutshell is YES! There is an advantage to having the 5wpm code and a technician license. You get to talk on 10 meter phone from 28.300 - 28.500 mhz. And you have data access on 28.100 - 28.300 mhz. That means you can run HF packet, rtty, pactor, etc. Of course you can transmit CW on any of these freqs. My advice, go ahead and upgrade. Then after 17 weeks, (yep that's how long it takes now) you will get your new license that says: TECH PLUS (yes that's what it says). Opps almost forget. With a tech plus license you also get 2 meter and 220 and 440 and 1.2 ghz. But you will have to sign Temporary KT on those as well as 10 meters until you get your new license. Have fun and upgrade. Next step after that one is General! Then the bands really open up. Hope to hear you on the air (10 meters) soon. Bob Werner KC4URW/AA and a proud VE "From the happenin' city of New Market, TN!"

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 1994 12:49:56 -0400
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!newsserver.jvnc.net!rohvm1!
roh033.mah48d@ames.arpa
Subject: Question from a NOVICE
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <17210026@hpwrce.mayfield.hp.com>, lou@hpwrce.mayfield.hp.com
(Lou Duncan) wrote, in part:

> I always thought the code test kept HAM from becoming like CB (I've
> really been out of touch so if this is a sore issue, please give me some slack)

You really _have_ been out of touch! :-) Actually any sort of an exam
seems to work, and in practice the no-code Technician ticket has been very
effective at bringing in new hams who are willing to learn good amateur
radio practice. A large percentage, having been hooked, break down and
learn Morse code to get on HF. This is local experience, YMMV.

Ummm, just one point. The word "ham" is not an acronym, but a word. As a
noun it means an amateur radio _operator_, and as an adjective it means
"amateur". Thus "ham radio" is an accepted synonym for amateur radio.
Sorry to be pedantic, but I wince badly when I see "ham" capitalized and
used to indicate amateur _radio_.

> Obviously, I have no room to make any comments...all I want know is there a
> separate license for Technician with code?

Sort of. It's called the "Technician plus" license, and gives you the
privileges you already have on HF, plus all VHF/UHF privileges. Without
code, you only get the VHF/UHF privileges.

Welcome back, and good luck with the Tech ticket.

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roh033.mah48d@rohmmaas.com | writer and not of Rohm and Haas Company."

Date: 4 Aug 1994 06:00:29 -0500
From: cs.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: WANTED: Mods for Icom IC-2400A
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I've seen many mods for the 2410, but nothing yet for the 2400A.

If anyone knows of any mods for the 2400, please let me know.

Thanks much.

Scott

Scott Ehrlich, Amateur Radio Callsign: wylz, wylz@ka2jxi.ny [AX.25 Packet]
How to reach me: wylz@neu.edu [Internet], wylz@k2cc.ampr.org [TCP/IP Packet]
Boston ARC ftp archives: ftp oak.oakland.edu /pub/hamradio
Boston ARC Web page: <http://www.acs.oakland.edu/barc.html>

Date: Thu, 04 Aug 94 16:24:30 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcomsv!skyld!jangus@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Who stole my book?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <31orcl\$di@eis.calstate.edu> sadams@eis.calstate.edu writes:

[Interesting story of "Now you're talking" getting snatched deleted]

> I never thought that book was that important. Do you really think the
> guy will read the book and become a ham??

No doubt about it. And he will probably end up over on rec.radio.amateur.
policy. Probably end up in a flame war with Dana and nh6il too.

Amateur: WA6FWI@WA6FWI.#SOCA.CA.USA.NOAM | "You have a flair for adding
Internet: jangus@skyld.grendel.com | a fanciful dimension to any
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Date: 4 Aug 1994 14:10:55 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!eff!news.kei.com!
yeshua.marcam.com!zip.eecs.umich.edu!panix!news.columbia.edu!
namaste.cc.columbia.edu!jbaltz@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Yaesu ft530 vco tune up
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <Ctyr5G.Lq1@mail.auburn.edu>,
Ryan C. Welty <weltyrc@mail.auburn.edu> wrote:
>Anyone out there had any luck in increasing the transmit range on uhf on their
>yaesu 530? It stops just shy of what I need. I'd appreciate a copy of the vco
>tuning procedure if anyone has it.

You mean, it doesn't cover the entire 438-450 MHz band as advertised? Or you
want it to transmit out-of-band, illegally (CAP doesn't work on UHF yet,

don't know about MARS)?

>ryan

//jbaltz

jerry b. altzman Entropy just isn't what it used to be +1 212 650 5617
jbaltz@columbia.edu jbaltz@sci.ccny.cuny.edu KE3ML (HEPNET) NEVIS::jbaltz

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 1994 17:24:28 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcom.com!greg@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <31i4ps\$c6f@chnews.intel.com>, <119018@cup.portal.com>,
<31mhat\$q4r@chnews.intel.com>reg
Subject : Re: Ramsey SlyFox

In article <31mhat\$q4r@chnews.intel.com> Cecil_A_Moore@ccm.ch.intel.com writes:

>In article <119018@cup.portal.com>,
>Joseph Joe Moell <JoeMoell@cup.portal.com> wrote:

>>

>>>CM The original problem was based on a prepublication leak of your
>>>CM article.

>>

>>JM I didn't see that post.

>>

>IMHO, the gist of the original post was, "the SlyFox doesn't meet FCC specs
>and there is a 73 article on the way that will verify that fact!". It was
>posted so far in advance of your article that it had expired by the time
>I got my 73 and read the article. It was that original posting which
>prompted the start of this thread, not your article.

Cecil, I don't believe that you are a liar, so I will characterize your
statements as 'mis-representations.'

Mis-representation 1: Your reference to a 'pre-publication leak.'
I get my copy of 73 just like a lot of other people: when it arrives
in my mailbox. Period.

Mis-representation 2: The statement which you have the unmitigated gall
to put in quotes above is not, in fact, anything like a quote. What I
said, in essence, is that the 73 review seems consistent with the
experience of a number of other reviewers and correspondents with
regard to their experiences in setting up the RF section.

Thus far, you have mis-represented what the reviewer has said, and you

have mis-represented what I have said about the review. You have used your imagined 'pre-publication leak' as an excuse for your other mis-representations.

As I said, Cecil, I don't believe you are a liar. However, you are stretching the limits of credidibility.

>>JM True, and the big problem is that the manual does not give sufficient info
>>JM to assure that it will be tuned properly. I stand by that.

>

>Then get with the manufacturer and fix the problem! After all it is simply
>a paper problem. The manual is not fixed in concrete.

>In the past, (sigh), a reputable magazine would have immediately
>notified the kit manufacturer of any problems with the kit (including the
>>manual). They would not have published something designed to hurt sales
>unless the company refused to fix the problem. You could have been of
>service to the ham community instead of a disservice... amateurs tend to
>be _very_ unprofessional. ;-)

Excuse me, but for whom does the reviewer work, the manufacturer or the subscriber?

Why should manufacturers be offered the chance to quietly fix problems found in reviews, in order to get a review which hides the very real difficulties with INITIAL QUALITY?

One of the problems I've had with CQ and 73 in the past is that their reviews have tended to by little more than promotional spots for their big advertisers. I welcome honest reviews, because they serve the consumer. The adverts serve the manufacturer.

>>>CM I think your review was subjective rather than objective

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>>JM Please explain that remark. I made no judgement or conclusions, just
>>JM stated my experiences factually. The only comment that seems subjectively
>>JM critical to me was my disagreement with Ramsey's suggestion to poorly
>>JM equipped hams that a light bulb is sufficient as a tuning indicator. But
>>JM I value your opinion.

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>If it had been me reviewing the kit, I would have immediately notified
>the company that the manual needs improving. I would have published the
>suggested manual improvements in the article and posted them on
>oak.oakland.edu (did you?) I would not have taken a "poor me" attitude.
>There is nothing wrong with the kit as far as I can tell, just with the
>>manual. An addendum mailed to previous purchasers and included in the

>manual solves the problem.

Fine. But the initial problem still needs to be called out! And there is no a priori obligation to give a manufacturer the 'second chance' to get it right prior to publication.

Mr. Moore seems determined to show that Ramsey has gotten a bad rap. Frankly, I just don't see it. I see very real problems, starting with the way in which the ads represent the merchandise. While changes could be made which would make Mr. Moore's points about 'know what you're doing' valid, I don't see any evidence of significant progress in that regard.

Greg

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